GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1331
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2000
UNIFORM SALES TAX POLICY
AJAY CHAKRABORTY;MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RAMCHANDRA BAINDA;SANJAY PASWAN;SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the uniform sales tax policy is being implemented since January 1, 2000;

(b) if so, the States which have implemented this policy so far; (

(c) whether the Confederation of All India Traders and some Stateshave opposed the implementation of this policy and major markets in Delhi went on strike against Uniform Sales Tax;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Sir, the decision to adopt uniform floor rates in sales tax has been implemented by the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) & (d): No such representation has been received. The decision to implement the policy was taken by all the States by consensus. Some markets in Sadar Bazar, Chandni Chowk and Chawri Bazar area were partly on strike on 29.12.1999.

(e): The decision to have uniform floor rates in sales tax stands.